

AN EPISTLE OF ELDER J. HAYEN, PRESIDENT OF
THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE MISSION; TO THE
SAINTS IN THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE, GREETING.

BELoved BRETHREN:—

As the time has arrived that I expect soon to leave this Colony, I feel to address you these few lines before my departure.

In the first place, receive my grateful acknowledgement for your kindness—good feeling and benevolence towards me, while I have been in your midst. You have fed me when I was hungry—clothed me when destitute—administered to my wants and necessities—taking me in when a stranger in a strange and foreign land—defending and protecting me when persecution raged, and when the Priests of Babylon, were trying both publicly and privately, to enrage the minds of the people against me, and against the doctrines I taught,—which doctrines, they must receive—embrace and follow, if they are ever saved in in the kingdom of God.

While I remember your kindness, I do not forget the kindness of those, who, though they have not exactly connected themselves with us, have remembered me in times of want, and by their means assisted in rolling forth the work of the Lord in this land. May the Lord bless them, and reward them fourfold, for all they have done, or may do hereafter, for the upbuilding of the kingdom of our Heavenly Father.

As you have ever been willing to follow my counsel and the counsel of my brethren that came with me, so continue to follow the counsel of those Servants of God that may be sent you from time to time; and as you have ever been ready to administer to our temporal wants, while we have been feeding you with the “bread of life,” so ever be willing, out

of the little or abundance that the Lord may give you, to feed, clothe, and administer to the wants of those who may be sent you to teach you the way of Salvation.

Ever be willing, as you have frequently been taught from my lips, to receive counsel and instructions from those men that hold the Priesthood in your midst, and have been ordained to preside over you. Sustain them by your faith, prayers and influence. Let those men remember the responsibilities that are resting upon them, and be fathers to the Saints they are called to preside over.

Make all diligent exertion to gather with the people of God. Strive to gather to the land of Zion, not to sit down there in ease, and be a mere drone in the GREAT BEE-HIVE of the last dispensation, but to labor to build up Zion; and by your faithfulness and diligence, to obtain those eternal blessings that will be bestowed upon all the obedient.

Remember what you have is not your own. You are only placed as Stewards over it; and when you gather to Zion, feel not only willing to give a tithe of your substance, but willing to give it all. Lay all upon the altar, and say to the Priesthood that the Lord has appointed to preside over His people in the last days, "Here I am and all I have; take it all if necessary for the up-building of the kingdom of God."

Brethren, this is a celestial law; a law that all must abide that would inherit a celestial glory. If we cannot abide this law, we may forever banish the idea of an inheritance in the celestial kingdom.

We all have got to be tried like Abraham, till we are willing to place the dearest idol of our hearts upon the altar.

Inasmuch as you possibly can, contribute from

time to time to the Perpetual Emigrating Fund, that the poor may have an opportunity to gather with the Saints of the most High.

Uphold, sustain, and defend the characters of the First Presidency, the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and all the Priesthood that preside over you—forgetting not to be true and faithful to each other in the bonds of love and peace.

Never be afraid nor ashamed, boldly to declare that Joseph Smith was a Prophet of the GREAT I AM, and that Brigham Young is his legal successor, and now the FIRST and HEAD APOSTLE of the Church of Christ upon the earth.

Those who persecute you for your religion—circulating all manner of lies and falsehoods about you and the Church to which you belong, leave in the hands of God. In his own due time, if they repent not, He will chastise and reward them according to their deeds.

Finally ; may the God of the heavens and earth bless you—keep you from the wolves without and jarring discords within—assist you to live your religion from day to day, to fulfil all your covenants with each other—the world around you, and Him whom you covenanted to serve when you went down into the waters of baptism. May you be saved in time and eternity—crowned with celestial honours in the celestial mansions of our Heavenly Father. is the prayer of your brother in the Kingdom of Peace.

J. HAVEN.

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